

## Board approves tax rate increase

By Armando Flores  
*Collegian Editor*

The Southmost Union Junior College District board of trustees has voted unanimously to increase the property tax rate by 7.68 percent.

At its meeting last Tuesday, the board approved a tax rate of \$0.1314 per \$100 valuation. Of this amount, \$0.025559 is for debt service and \$0.105841 is for maintenance and operations, for a total tax rate increase of 7.68 percent. TSC District Comptroller Pat Celaya told The Collegian.

The increase will bring la \$781,482 in revenue, Celaya

said. She said district residents will see the increase "on their bill that is mailed out October 1, due in January."

Board members also approved a budget amendment of \$1,270,494 to complete the purchase of the Chase Bank building in downtown Brownsville. The total tab on the building, purchased from Chase Bank of Texas, was \$1.3 million, said Rosemary Martinez, vice president for Business Affairs. Martinez said the closing documents were signed Sept. 13. Within 30 days officials should be done evaluating the building and

decide which offices and operations will be moved there, she said.

Also under Business Affairs, a bid of \$168,880 from Bobo Construction was approved for renovations to the former bookstore and classroom renovations to the Music Building and Eidman Hall. The renovated bookstore would supply 15 new faculty offices and a chairman's office for the School of Education.

Douglas Ferrier, director of the Amulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library, gave the board a briefing on the library's online resources.

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## The Clean Team



Photo: Karynne Williams

*Members of the Student Activities Programming Board leave bagged trash for collection by county workers during the Adopt-a-Beach cleanup at Padre Island's Andy Bowie Park on Sept. 16. Shown (from left) are SAPB President Eric Morales, Assistant Historian Ralph Delgado, Vice President Freddy Gonzalez and member Linda Torres. See story, page 5.*

## Cátedra enseña sobre diversidad

Por Ildefonso Ortiz  
*Editor de Tiempo Nuevo*

En una cátedra sobre diversidad, el orador sorprendió a la audiencia al hacerlos notar que ellos mismos clasifican gente usando estereotipos.

El pasado miércoles en el tercer piso de SET-B, Cynthia Rocha, directora de diversidad y desarrollo en el trabajo para TI-E-B, habló sobre diversidad en los sitios comerciales y de trabajo. Dichos sitios en un evento del mes de herencia hispana.

Ella usó un ejemplo para ilustrar el tipo de estereotipos que crea la gente automáticamente.

"El Señor García de Nueva York y el Señor Jones de Nueva York. ¿Cómo son?" dijo Rocha.

El público respondió de la siguiente forma: García era un puertorriqueño de baja estatura y moreno, mientras Jones era un anglosajón alto con lemes y portando su traje.

Rocha llevó el ejemplo un poco más adelante.

"¿Alonso el Señor García de Idaho y el Señor Jones de Idaho. ¿Cómo son?"

Esta vez el público respondió de la siguiente manera, García es un inmigrante que trabaja en el campo, mientras Jones es un anglosajón con botas vaqueras y pantalón de mezclilla que maneja una camioneta.

"Es muy probable que se necesite tener contacto con una persona para saber como son", dijo Rocha.

Ella dijo que aparte de la apariencia física se necesita tener una conversación para saber como es uno en el interior, que tipo de educación tiene, su estado civil, etc.

Según Rocha esto describe las primeras y segundas dimensiones de diversidad.

"La primera dimensión de diversidad se nota a primera vista, se nace con ellas", dijo Rocha.

## Computer labs to require user accounts

By A.D. Rocha  
*Staff Writer*

Beginning next month, students wanting to use computers in any of the labs on campus will need to set up user accounts, which require a user name and password. Without them, students will not be able to use the computers, university officials said.

The new management program, which is expected to be set up within the first two weeks of October in the com-

puters on campus, will eliminate the need to show identification to use a computer, said Raymundo Gonzalez, computer lab supervisor.

Besides doing away with the assigning of computers, the new program also will allow students to install their own computer programs, since computers will be programmed to revert to their original settings once the stu-

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## On Campus

## Briefs

The Behavioral Sciences Collegiate Organization will meet at noon today in SET-B 2.508. For more information about the club, call 544-1245 or log on to its Web site at <http://geocities.com/mg877/BSCO-UTB.html>.

The Learning Assistance Center will present a workshop titled "Evaluating Sources" from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday in North Hall 108. For more information, call 544-8202.

The Student Activities Office will host a leadership exchange session titled "Dress for Success" at noon Thursday in the Faculty/Staff dining room located in the Student Center. For more information, call 544-8264.

The Chemical Agents club meets at 3:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning Sept. 19, at SET-B 2.336. For more information, contact Celia Flores-Feist at 574-6644 or at [celia@utb1.utb.edu](mailto:celia@utb1.utb.edu).

The Learning Assistance Center will present a workshop titled "Introduction to Spanish Conversation" from 4 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday in North Hall 122. For more information, visit the LAC Web site at <http://www.sa.utb.edu/lac>.

**Student Government** Association elections are scheduled Wednesday and Thursday. Students with a

current UTB/TSC ID may vote from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the lobbies of Tandy and South halls. The SGA's first meeting of the semester is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the faculty/staff dining room located in the Student Center.

The Catholic Campus Ministry's "Steal a Meal" event offers meals for \$1 each from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday in the Newman Center. For more information, call 542-3942.

The Career Services and Placement Office offers student employment services, such as on-campus recruitment, resume and interview assistance and, in the near future, online access to jobs and resume posting. Students must register for the services and bring a validated ID. The department currently is seeking resumes from business, accounting, computer science and engineering majors. For more information, visit the office in Tandy 105 or call 544-8866.

If you would like your club, organization or department news published in the Briefs section, please call Josie Chavez at 544-8263, e-mail her at [collegian@utb1.utb.edu](mailto:collegian@utb1.utb.edu) or visit The Collegian office, located in the Student Center. The deadline for the Oct. 2 issue is 5 p.m. today.

## Hispanic Heritage Month Activities

Sept. 25

Open Class

"Self, multicultural identities, split loyalties"

Angelika Soldan, assistant professor of Social Sciences

9-9:50 a.m.

Tandy 114

Lecture

"Human Resource Management"

Pete Garcia, Continental Airlines vice president for sales and marketing

4:25-5:40 p.m.

SET-B third floor conference room

Open Class

Suzanne Harbeck, associate professor of Business Administration

Pete Garcia, Continental Airlines vice president for sales and marketing

Lecture Demonstration

"Música y danza del estado de Tamaulipas"

Maestro Alfredo Rosado

7-15 p.m.

Garcia Gym

Panel Discussion

"Republican or Democrat, What Route Should Hispanics Follow?"

Luis Rodriguez-Abad, associate professor Behavioral Sciences

7:30-9 p.m.

SET-B third floor conference room

Sept. 26

Open Class

"Chicano Narrative"

Cipriano Cardenas, chairman of Modern Languages

10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

South Hall 123

Lecture

"Cultural Dynamics in the Mexican Wrestling Film"

Javier Martinez, assistant to the UTB/TSC president

12:15-1:30 p.m.

SET-B third floor conference room

Open Class

"The True Meaning of Columbus Day"

Luis Rodriguez-Abad, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences

7:15-9:30 p.m.

SET-B Lecture Hall

Panel Discussion

"Latinas as Lawyers: Effective Conflict Resolution"

Ethel Caste, assistant professor of Behavioral Sciences

7:30-8:30 p.m.

SET-B third floor conference room

Sept. 27

Open Class

"Self, multicultural identities, split loyalties ..."

Angelika Soldan, assistant professor of Social Sciences

9-9:50 a.m.

Tandy 114

Open Class

"La religión en el mundo hispano"

Lidia Diaz, assistant professor of Modern Languages

4:25-7:05 p.m.

North Hall 233

Sept. 28

Open Class

"Chicano Narrative"

Cipriano Cardenas, chairman of Modern Languages

10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

South Hall 125

Open Class

"The True Meaning of Columbus Day"

Luis Rodriguez-Abad, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences

10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

Movie

"El corneta"

Sponsor: University Cien Club

7 p.m.

SET-B Lecture Hall

Sept. 29

Open Class

"Self, multicultural identities, split loyalties"

Angelika Soldan, assistant professor of Social Sciences

9-9:50 a.m.

Tandy Hall 114

Closing Ceremony

Speaker: UTB/TSC President Jofet V. Garcia

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Garbo Plaza

Concert

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8 p.m.

SET-B Lecture Hall

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# On Campus

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along with some library statistics. Circulation went up from about 50,000 in 1999 to 190,000 in 2000, with a collection of only 150,000. Database usage also went up from 2,038,371 hits in 1998 to 2,632,516 hits in 1999.

"It's grown a lot in just one year," Ferrier said.

Under Partnership Committees, community member appointments were approved and are as follows: Ruben Franco and Bitty Truan, Academic Affairs; Jim Green and Traci Wickert, Business Affairs; Connie Busa and Ventura Orive, Institutional Effectiveness; and Mary Marsha Miller and Lourdes Simmons Kilgore, Student Affairs.

"The student representatives will be recommended

to us by the Student Senate," board chairman Mary Rose Cardenas said.

The schematic design for the new Student Union also was approved. Architect John Kell presented floor plans, sketches and a three-dimensional computer-generated simulation to the board. The Student Union is expected to be completed by early Fall 2001.

Wayne Moore, vice president for Administration and Partnership Affairs, presented a report on construction projects.

"[The Life and Health Sciences building] is still moving ahead on time ... it's about a month ahead of schedule," Moore said.

In her report, UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia announced grants received by faculty. Allison Abell, assistant professor of

Biological Sciences, received two new grants--\$260,000 from the Agriculture Department for enhancing teaching of laboratory techniques in genetics by integrating agricultural biotechnology research and \$200,000 from the Defense Department to purchase lab equipment. Leticia Cabrera, assistant professor of Biological Sciences, received a grant of \$50,000 from the Kellogg Foundation to establish a botanical database and to enrich the university's herbarium collection. Alfred Richardson, professor emeritus of Biological Sciences, has had his book, "Native Plants of Texas," accepted for publication by the University of Texas Press.

A revamped degree for the bachelor of science in Engineering Physics also

was discussed.

"The program is designed so it can adapt itself to the market and to students' needs," Garcia said.

The university also contributed to a bid to create an ultra-powerful computer grid called the Grid Physics Network.

"The goal [of the project] is to give scientists a tool to interpret the vast amount of data expected to flow from the world's most ambitious physics and astronomy experiments," Garcia said. The project involves 11 other universities, including the University of California-Berkeley, California Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins and Harvard. The university will receive \$450,000 over a five-year period to hire a physicist/computer scientist to head the project.

Cynthia Guerrero has been named the new director of the Guerra Early Childhood Center. Guerrero is the daughter of Ernest Garcia, former director of Enrollment.

The president encouraged people to attend the naming of the Chemistry Wing in SGT-B on Sept. 20. The wing is to be named the Serafy Foundation Chemistry Wing after Nicholas T. and Jean Serafy for their generous donation of \$350,000 for two separate projects. A total of \$250,000 will go to support the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology and \$100,000 will be used to establish the Serafy Foundation Endowment for Music.

The next SUJCD board of trustees meeting is set for Oct. 19.

## SGA Let Your Voice Be Heard

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### Student Government Elections

Date: Wednesday, September 27 & Thursday, September 28

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Tandy & South Lobbies



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For more information,  
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## On Campus

# Down and dirty gleaning beach garbage

By Debra Wilborn  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 16, more than 100 students and staff from UTB/TSC were joined on the beach at South Padre Island by groups from UT-Pan American, South Texas Community College, Marine Military Academy and swarms of high school students from Brownsville, Los Fresnos, Weslaco, Mercedes, San Juan, McAllen, Pharr and others. This was the third Texas Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup UTB/TSC has participated in, a marine debris control program now in its 16th year.

About 1,300 people registered for the event and an additional 300 arrived, mostly students, said

Cameron County Parks Beaches Coordinator John Valdez. Valdez said he was surprised by the strong turnout from Upper Valley schools.

"Usually with coastal cleanups you only have local communities involved," Valdez said, "but this is pretty good."

Adopt-A-Beach volunteers were issued trash bags and gloves, then sent to one of the half-mile zones dividing 10 miles of beach around the Andy Bowie Park entrance. Participants logged their findings on Data Detective Cards and were encouraged to look for clues on debris that may reveal its origin. The data cards will be compiled and compared to data from previous cleanups to

spot trends in trash accumulation on Texas beaches.

The most common finds are labeled the "Dirty Dozen": plastic pieces, cigarette butts, plastic bags and lids, plastic food bags and wrappers, rope, foamed plastic, glass, beverage cans, plastic and glass beverage bottles, other plastic items and straws.

There was no shortage of these for Vice President for Business Affairs Rosemary Martinez and Business Affairs Secretary Cynthia Herrera, who collected unidentifiable fragments of plastic, ice bags, rope and brine-soaked cardboard.

"There was more trash in the spring," Martinez said as Herrera pulled several yards of fishing line from the edge

of a sand dune. "It was Easter weekend, and we found tons of egg cartons and plastic eggs."

Freddy Gonzalez, vice president of the Student Activities Programming Board, and SAPB member Linda Torres collected wrappers, lengths of rope, chunks of pressure-treated wood and more plastic bags, shredded by wind and sand. SAPB Assistant Historian Ralph Delgado had a very productive morning, culminating with his discovery of a baby's shoe and a plastic spoon.

"I have a complete set now," Delgado said. "I've got a plate, a fork, a knife, a cup, beer, coffee creamer."

More people means more debris collected, and by noon, piles of bagged trash

marked the way back to the park entrance along the beach and Highway 100.

Figures for the amount of debris cleaned off the beach were not available at press time. Valdez said that last year saw a similar volunteer turnout that collected 63 tons of trash.

Some of the more unusual finds of the day included a tin lid marked in Chinese, underwear, a crack pipe, condoms, a meditation, a foam mattress, a full wine bottle, coconuts, an asthma pump, boxer shorts and a monkey wrench.

Two other cleanup locations were the South Padre Island City Beaches and Boca Chica Beach.

The next Adopt-A-Beach cleanup is set for April 28, 2007.

## Chemical spill exercise planned

An international chemical spill exercise will close the Brownsville/Matamoros Bridge from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Friday, university officials say.

The exercise will simulate an accident between a train carrying hydrofluoric acid and a tanker truck carrying an unknown chemical. This is not an actual chemical spill, and any exercises will be strictly simulated.

The closing of the bridge, located south of Amigoland Mall, is required to allow the Local Emergency Planning Commission to exercise the International Emergency Contingency Plans.

The main UTB/TSC campus will not be affected by the exercise. However, Campus Police Chief John Cardoza and Environmental Health and Safety Director Charles Bevers will participate as observers.

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## On Campus

## Water management, drought an international affair

By Debra Wilborn  
Staff Writer

Rio Grande Watermaster Carlos Rubinstein gave the keynote address for the

Teaching Wild seminar Sept. 15 at UTB/TSC. His presentation, "Water

Conservation and the Rio Grande," explained the unique water management system on the Rio Grande.

The watermaster program is part of the Texas Natural Resource

Conservation Commission. As the Rio Grande watermaster, Rubinstein oversees water use and distribution from the Gulf of Mexico upstream to Fort Quitman.

Texas. Another watermaster operates in the San Antonio area.

"The Rio Grande is unlike any other river as far as water rights go," Rubinstein said.

In the rest of the western United States, priority to water is granted based on the date water licenses are issued with older licenses taking precedence. On the

Rio Grande, communities always have access first, regardless of the date on the water license.

Although cities are guaranteed their water, getting it to the municipal pumps depends on the ability of others to conserve water in severe drought.

According to Rubinstein, Matamoros has had three instances since March when

it was sucking air from the river. Slow water flow allows noxious weeds to grow and inhibit the city's ability to draw water. Water authorities stopped legal diversions from the river to increase flow to the point that Matamoros could again use its pumps.

Rubinstein said the current drought is very severe, but it is

not the worst the area has had. The "drought of record" was from 1954 to 1956, and according to Rubinstein, all water programs in place are based on the drought of record.

The four major statutes governing the Rio Grande water program are the 1944 Water Treaty between the United States and Mexico, the Lower Rio Grande Valley lawsuit filed in 1967, Texas Water Code Chapter 11 and Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Chapter 303.

The 1944 treaty allows for three international reservoirs on the Rio Grande. Falcon and Amistad reservoirs may be joined by another. The third reservoir would have to be built near Eagle Pass, Rubinstein said, but only if there were enough water to catch. The Brownsville Weir project and a proposed spillway near Laredo are low-level dams and thus do not concern the treaty.

At one time, most of the water in the Rio Grande came from snowmelt in the Colorado Rockies. A series of dams in New Mexico have reduced that to a trickle. In some parts of West Texas, Rubinstein said, the Rio Grande is less than 10 feet wide and is very saline. A large part of the Rio Grande Basin lies in the mountains of Northern Mexico. Most of the water in South Texas enters the Rio Grande via the Rio Conchos in Mexico.

Under the treaty, all the water from the Rio San Juan and Alamo River plus two thirds of the water from Rio Conchos, San Diego, San Felipe, Arroyo Las Vacas and Rio Salado plus half of the water from all other Mexican tributaries of the Rio Grande belongs to Mexico. The

United States gets the Pecos and Devils rivers at Amistad plus one-third from the above Mexican tributaries, provided that third is not less than an average 350,000 acre-feet per year over a five-year cycle. For the last seven years, that minimum has not been met. Today, Mexico owes the United States 1.4 million acre-feet (AF) of water. By comparison, Falcon and Amistad reservoirs together currently hold 1.1 million AF.

According to the treaty, in the event of an extraordinary drought, Mexico can forgo payment for the entire five-year cycle, provided it makes up the difference in the next five years.

There is a loophole. The treaty says that when two of the three allowable reservoirs are full, all debts for the current five-year cycle are considered paid. The initial debt from the previous cycle still remains. In October 1992, Tropical Storm Charlie filled both reservoirs, restarting the five-year cycle.

"Here's the problem," Rubinstein said. "There are only two years left in this five-year period. The treaty doesn't say anything about a third five-year period, and the amount of water that's owed today—you can't put that much water in the Rio Grande."

Over the first five years of nonpayment, Mexico received 90 percent of its normal rainfall, Rubinstein said, which is not an extraordinary drought.

However, the last two years in Mexico have come very close to the drought of record. "Mexico has never had to rely on water releases from its interior to satisfy its obligation to the United States," Rubinstein said. "That's a paradigm shift they're going to have to make."

Filling the reservoirs can be fast.

Upon completion in 1954, Falcon Reservoir was expected to take seven years to fill. A hurricane shortened that to two months. However, poor water management drained nearly 3 million AF from Falcon in two years, essentially emptying the reservoir. In 1956, the City of Brownsville could not get its water and filed a lawsuit.

Prior to Texas independence, water in the Rio Grande belonged to the Spanish crown and could only be used for community benefit.

An English system of water laws took precedence from 1840-1849 and allowed landowners to divert as much water as they wanted. Various other systems were tried until the adjudication by the Supreme Court of the Brownsville suit in 1967. The new ruling said that overriding interest will determine water rights with precedence falling to municipalities, agriculture, electric power, navigation, fishing then recreation. This revised system now bears a strong resemblance to the old Spanish laws.

Every month, about 250,000 AF are set aside for municipal use, the amount used by all Texas cities yearly from Amistad to the Gulf. 150,000 AF are set aside to cover losses from evaporation or accounting errors. Whatever is left may be used for irrigation.

According to Rubinstein, the down-side to this arrangement is that agriculture can suffer greatly. An estimated \$400 million has been lost from the Rio Grande Valley economy during the current drought, because farms have not been able to irrigate completely. Mexico has seen a loss equal to that or greater.

"Droughts are very serious business," said Rubinstein. "It affects the economy on both sides of the Rio Grande. But if you manage the water correctly you can make that water go a long way."

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## Sports

## Missouri tourney stings Lady Scorpions

By John Strubelt

Staff Writer

Team Sting lost six matches at the Southwest Missouri State University West Plains Invitational on Sept. 15-16, dropping the team to 0-8 for the season.

The scores at the tournament were as follows; vs. Illinois Central College, 9-15, 7-15; Indian Hills Community College, 13-15, 16-14, 7-15; Blinn College, 7-15, 6-15; Southwestern Illinois College, 7-15, 15-12, 8-15; Miami-Dade Community College, 3-15, 7-15; and SMSU, 13-15, 9-15.

Team Sting faced some tough competition at this tournament. Southwestern Illinois and Southwest Missouri State are both top 20 teams and Miami-Dade is the defending NJCAA national champion.

"The tournament didn't go well as far as our record goes but it was a good learning experience," head coach Brian Funk said. "It gave [the team] an idea what level competes at nationals and what it takes to get to that level."

Although Team Sting could not really compete with any of the teams at the tournament, Funk still was pleased with the team's performance.

"We played our best against the best," he said.

Despite what its record might indicate, the team is gradually improving each time it takes the court.

"Their overall court sense is improving. They're realizing more and more where to be on the court. It's a matter of meeting the challenge of getting better."

On Sept. 21-23, Team Sting was to travel to Phoenix, Ariz., for the Valley of the Sun Tournament. Results were not available at press time.

"We play some really good teams this weekend [Sept. 21-23] so we'll just see how it goes," Funk said.

## Fall 2000 Men's Soccer Roster

PLAYER	POSITION
Asterio Baez	Defense
Armando Longoria	Midfielder
Arturo Emmanuel Ruiz	Forward
Bernardo Pena	Forward
Eduardo A. Foyen	Forward
Eduardo Hierro	Forward
Eliash Quinlan	Forward
Esqueiro Zepeda	Defense
Gustavo Rene Sainz	Defense
Ivan Rodriguez	Midfielder
Jaime Sandoval	Midfielder
Jesús Omar Villarreal	Goalie
Jose C. Delgado	Defense
Jose E. Foyen Jr.	Defense
Jose Miguel Romero	Midfielder
Juan Arturo Robledo	Defense
Oscar Omar Perez	Midfielder
Pablo A. Garza	Defense
Ramon Zariga	Midfielder
Ricardo Silva	Defense
Ricardo Trevino	Defense
Roberto D. Duffy	Defense
Rodolfo Guerra	Midfielder

## Soccer team gets tough opponents

By Trey Mendez

Sports Editor

The UTR/TSC Women's Soccer Club competed in its first two games of the semester on Sept. 16-17 in San Marcos; both games ended in ties.

In the opening match, they faced off against the University of Texas at San Antonio and tied 3-3. Scoring for UTR/TSC were Jean Clyde and Nelly Padilla, who buried two goals.

The women fared no better in their second game against San Antonio College, battling to a 0-0 tie.

The Men's Soccer Club had the first home game of the

season vs. the premier division's top-ranked team, Southwest Texas State University, on Sept. 16 at Oliveira Park. Unfortunately for the men, they could not keep their undefeated season intact, dropping the game 2-1. Jaime Sandoval had the lone goal for the Scorpions, who saw their record for the season go to 2-1.

"We didn't play our game," said midfielder Joe Mike Romero. "The two goals that [Southwest Texas State] scored were because of defensive errors."

The men's team faced UTSA in San Antonio on Sept. 23 and Texas Tech University in Austin on Sept.

24 while the women played two games on Sept. 23 vs. Abilene Christian University and Southwest Texas State in San Marcos. Results were not available at press time.

In upcoming games, the men will next play UT-Austin on Saturday and Texas A&M University on Sunday. Both games will be played in Brensville. The women will go up against UTSA on Oct. 7 and San Antonio College on Oct. 8; both games will be in San Antonio.

Looking ahead, Romero seems confident about the Scorpions' chances.

"We have learned from our mistakes and guarantee to be 100 percent focused," he said.

## Sports Briefs

Team Sting will play against Laredo Community College at 6 p.m. on Saturday in Laredo.

The Men's Soccer Club will compete against the University of Texas at Austin at 1 p.m. Saturday and Texas A&M at 1 p.m. Sunday. Both games will be played at Oliveira Park.

The Intramural Table Tennis Singles tournament will be held at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Garza Gym. A current ID must be presented when registering for an Intramural event. For more information, contact the Kinesiology Department at 544-8290.

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# Hispanic Heritage Month

## Campus marks Mexican Independence Day

By Jackie Barrientos  
Staff Writer

The university kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with an early celebration of Mexican Independence Day last Thursday that featured mariachi music, folkloric dancers, speeches, games and food.

More than 100 students and staff gathered at the Gazebo Plaza for the 16 de septiembre ceremony—held two days before the actual holiday—and the start of many activities that will commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month.

The event opened with a performance by the Ricardo Flores Magón high school band from Matamoros, Mexico. Cheerleaders sporting silver-sequined tops and blue skirts danced alongside the band.

"I liked the band better than the local bands here," said freshman his-

tory major J.C. Rosado. "They were more into the music and they had a lot of enthusiasm."

Many speakers held the audience's attention, including Student Government Association President Melissa Acovedo and Club Cultural Latinamericano founder Aragelia Salazar, both of whom spoke on the significance of the celebration.

In her welcome speech, UTB/TSC President Juliet Garcia explained how Hispanics who grew up near the border are different from others.

"We are different, and it shows in what music we listen to, the clothes we wear and how we celebrate," Garcia said.

On Sept. 15, 1810, Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla initiated the movement for independence from Spain in the city of Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato. On Sept. 16, slavery and supreme rule over Indians and mesti-

zos was abolished.

Since then, the celebration has made its way over to the north side of the Rio Grande.

"I think it's important that there was participation from both sides of the border," said Sylvia Cavazos Peña, dean of the School of Education. "There was also participation from students of both sides. It shows the communities of Brownsville and Matamoros share a common history, language, and problems. Hopefully we share a vision of a better place for the future."

In addition to the high school band, the university's Mariachi Escorpion, which was conducted by Professor Tony Briseño, played a series of songs, including "Jesuita en Chihuahua."

Briseño also sang the Mexican national anthem as Mexican Consul Berenice Rendón held the nation's

flag. Rendón, who has degrees from Harvard and the University of California at Santa Barbara, also gave the official grio signaling Mexico's Independence Day.

As mariachi music played on the speakers, UTB/TSC's Grupo Folklórico Tizetán danced in colorful outfits.

After the opening ceremony, some students played Lotería, a game similar to bingo. Food was also available for sale.

"It is interesting that we're celebrating Mexico's independence because we're on the border," said freshman criminal justice major Idalia Torres. "It's two countries coming together for a sole reason."

Hispanic Heritage Month activities, ranging from open classes and lectures to concerts and panel discussions, continue through Friday.



Antonio Briseño, assistant professor of Fine Arts, leads Mariachi Escorpion in a rendition of "Jesuita en Chihuahua."



UTB/TSC President Juliet Y. Garcia gives the welcome speech during the Early 16 de Septiembre celebration in the Gazebo Plaza last Thursday.



# Hispanic Heritage Month



*Students and staff watch the celebration.*



*Mercedes Torres and Heriberto Castillo, members of Grupo Folklórico Tzatlán, perform "El Jalisciense," a dance from the state of Jalisco.*

*Photos by  
Jackie  
Barrientes*



*Members of Club Cultural Latinoamericano Saul Ramirez (from left), Guillermo Martin and Pedro Trejo prepare to pass the Mexican flag to the Mexican Consul Berenice Rendon.*



*The Banda de Guerra from the Colegio de Bachilleres del Estado de Tamaulipas, or COBAT, performs "Honores a la Bandera."*

# Tiempo Nuevo

## "Diversidad"

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"La segunda dimensión son las decisiones que hace un individuo".

Ella dijo que hay que tener cuidado porque este tipo de percepciones son las que pueden llegar a causar problemas. Según Rocha para evitar los problemas hay que tomarse el tiempo para verdaderamente saber quién es esa persona.

"Es necesario algo que no siempre hacemos, comunicar", dijo Rocha. "No nos tomamos el tiempo para saber quiénes son sino asumimos quiénes son por

como se ven".

Rocha dijo que en H-E-B reconocen la diversidad de sus trabajadores.

"Nosotros tenemos y reconocemos diferencias en edades, etnicidad, habilidades o incapacidades, orientación sexual, religión, estado civil, educación", dijo Rocha. "Cuando yo empecé a trabajar en H-E-B, la gerencia era un trabajo para hombres, por eso yo estaba un poco insegura al empezar a trabajar con ellos, pero de las doce personas que contrataron seis eran mujeres".

Rocha dijo que H-E-B ha estado implementan-

do diversidad en el trabajo desde mucho antes que la palabra fuera importante.

Ella dijo que H-E-B ha creado una mentalidad de diversidad gerencial.

"Intentamos crear una atmósfera basada en trabajo de equipo y respeto mutuo entre empleados, clientes y abastecedores para reconocer las contribuciones que cada uno hace", dijo Rocha.

Rocha dijo que la diversidad consiste en la singularidad de todos los individuos y cubre todas las diferencias y todas las similitudes.

Ella dijo que para poder lograr una armonía con la creciente

¡Vamos a pintar!



Antonio Antinori, estudiante de arte de último año, trabaja en su pintura "Milenio" en la clase de estudio general de arte.

diversidad de individuos oro. "Tratar al próximo se necesita aplicar la ley como ellos quieran ver aún más que la ley de tratados", dijo Rocha.

## Estudiante de Hoy

### Por Tavita Platt

#### Reportero

Nombre: Norina N.

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**Reconocimientos:** Quién es Quién entre los Estudiantes de las Universidades de los Estados Unidos, directora de relaciones públicas para la asociación de negocios Alpha Kappa Psi, directora de eventos especiales para el club de Rotaract, y trabajadora voluntaria de la organización UTB/TSC Diplomats.

**Reto más grande:** "Llegar a ser comisario en una agencia federal".

**Metas:** "Continuar mi educación, recibir mi maestría en relaciones internacionales fuera del estado de Texas".

**Pasatiempos:** "Pasar tiempo con mi familia,



Norina N. Carpio

viajar y hacer ejercicios".

**¿Qué has hecho en beneficio de la comunidad?** Carpio ha participado en la limpieza de carreteras de Texas (Texas Adopt a Highway) y en eventos para la recaudación de fondos para la organización sin fines lucrativos United Way.

**Si pudieras cambiar algo en el campus ¿qué harías?** "Diversificar la población de estudiantes con respecto a etnicidad y tener más opciones en carreras".

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## Arts and Entertainment

## Twists and confusion don't ruin 'Gun'

**Starring:** Ryan  
Philippe, Benicio Del  
Toro, Juliette Lewis

**By** Trey Mendez  
*Sports Editor*

"The Way of the Gun" has been compared to several other crime films of our era, and wrongfully so. Aside from the shoot-out scenes and settings, which are slightly reminiscent of a Robert Rodriguez flick

("Desperado," "From Dusk Till Dawn"), this movie is unique in most aspects.

Christopher McQuarrie, who wrote the script for "The Usual Suspects," makes his directorial debut with this film while also receiving writing credits. McQuarrie could have used a good editor, though. At times the dialogue gets too wordy and the plot extremely twisted and confusing, but Benicio Del Toro and Ryan

Philippe shine. The only thing that bothered me was the strange accent that Philippe's character, Parker, uses. I could have also done

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without Juliette Lewis, who plays her usual whiny and annoying role, but it's obviously what she does best.

"The Way of the Gun" is about two broken-down

criminals (Philippe and Del Toro) looking to make a big score by kidnapping the surrogate mother (Lewis) for a very rich and influential couple.

The opening and closing scenes are spectacular and the time in between can drag if the viewer is not completely interested. It took me a while to figure out who all the characters were, but in the end it didn't really matter because Philippe and

Del Toro's performances were that good.

I am a genuine fan of cops and robber films and enjoyed this movie more than any other in the last three months.

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## Fraternities and sororities: To join or not to join?

### He said

It's that time again, when student organizations line up along the Paseo to recruit prospective members, and students are bombarded with information from dozens of organizations. From chemistry to language to anime, there are many different organizations to join, and they all have benefits.

This is also the time when fraternities and sororities recruit prospective members. Every fraternity has a different rush/pledge process, but this process distinguishes Greek organizations from regular clubs. During the pledge process, the new recruits or pledges are put through a variety of requirements, depending on the organization. This is where the misconception that many people have about fraternities begins.

It is true that some fraternities have been guilty of hazing activities that have put their pledges in danger. However, human nature takes over and people look at the horrible, nasty and often exaggerated incidents rather than looking at the substantial benefits of joining a Greek organization. Texas state law makes those who engage in hazing subject to criminal charges and fines.

Joining a fraternity is not only safe, but also a unique experience. When persons join a fraternity they enter an organization of like-minded individuals with whom they will be creating a life-long bond. Pledging to a fraternity is not easy—if it were, everyone would be a brother or sister. The purpose behind the events of a pledge process is to create a unique bond between brothers. By interacting and depending on a group of people, pledges bond with each other and eventually with the members if they become members.

Not only do people in a fraternity unite, but they also mature and learn things that they won't learn in school. As members of a Greek organization, people develop a sense of duty, especially when they hold a leadership position. As leaders in fraternities, people develop certain skills that will help them in the real world.

During the pledge process, some activities are kept confidential, not because they are bad, but because they are part of tradition. During official meetings, only "brothers" are allowed inside, not because they are engaging in human sacrifice, or devil worshiping or bestiality, as others would have you believe, but because of tradition, which most chapters hold sacred.

It isn't true that fraternities are for people with no identity and who do as they are told. Fraternities are for smart, dependable and trustworthy individuals who are willing to try something new.

—Blakeana Ortiz

### She said

There are undeniable benefits to joining a fraternity or sorority. Meeting people who have things in common with you, share the same interests and beliefs, listen to the same music maybe, eat the same food, and wear the same clothes. Wait a minute, why don't you save yourself the time and the initiation ritual and just look in the mirror if that's all you want from a club.

Right about now all you "brothers" and "sisters" out there are probably thinking, "What does she know about me?" Not much. But tell me who you "hang with" and I'll tell you who you are seems to apply here. It's common knowledge if not college lore that traditional, social Greeks have a self-inflated reputation for using humiliation tactics, propagating a mob mentality, clinging to outdated traditions and discouraging individuality.

Granted there are some organizations on campus that are admittedly trying to change the image of the Greeks by highlighting the more positive aspects of Greek life. Donning suits, shaking hands (not the secret handshake, just a regular one), acting professional. We live in a politically correct era. Gone are the days of the rowdy frat parties, swallowing goldfish, binge drinking, party raids—all that is so last weekend.

To be fair, there are several organizations that donate valuable community service hours. For that, they should be commended.

What bothers me is the don't-think-we'll-think-for-you attitude that permeates the selection process in these organizations, the open call to people who are willing to submit to the pledge process just to prove that they can and will do whatever it takes to fit in. For that, they should be condemned.

The key word for the college experience should be diversity, not conformity. News flash: You are here to meet different people, learn about different things, hear different points of view, see things you guessed it from a different point of view. That is not usually achieved by seeking out those who seek to define you.

For those of you who are just born to be Greek, happy pledging. One word of advice, don't believe everything you hear. Beware of people who only want to agree with you and those who use the words pride and secrecy in the same breath.

—Rachel Benavidez

## Arts and Entertainment

# Sophomore slump for 'Stutter' queen

By Armando Flores  
*Collegian Editor*

If you're expecting the same post-punk sound and playful lyrics that came to embody *Elastica* in the mid-'90s on their sophomore effort, appropriately titled "The Menace," you've got another thing coming.

After five years, you'd think they would have made a better follow-up to their self-titled 1995 debut, but alas, front-woman Justine Frischmann has let us down. These past five years have been hard for the band. They lost bassist Annie Holland back in 1995, Justine and Blair's Damon Albarn broke up and guitarist Donna Matthews quit the band in spring 1999. But not all, or everyone, was lost—Holland returned to the band as Matthews left, they recruited guitarist Paul Jones, keyboardists Dave Hush and Mew and they also grew up a bit.

Now where most critics say that growing up is a good thing, I don't think it is for

*Elastica*. I don't know about others, but I miss the old *Elastica* sound. This album basically sounds like a post-new wave techno inspired '80s pet project, particularly sounding like My Bloody Valentine and Siouxsie and

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her out-of-air wail.

But at least they haven't lost their sense of humor. The first five tracks are the only thing worth listening to on the album, all five sounding like classic *Elastica*. With lyrics like "You're hard, I'm not" ("My Arse Your Place") and "Don't want you on your back, I just got on my feet" ("Mad Dog"), you can't help but think back to the lyrics of such songs like the masturbation anthem "Stutter,"

"Connection," and "Car Song." And who else but Frischmann can make "See you later alligator" ("Generator") sound sexy with

Besides that, it's hard to get used to all the keyboards, synthesizers, mixed vocals and a man's vocals, too. It's also hard to get used to all the songs, which aren't characteristic of *Elastica*'s style. The only thing that has stayed constant with them has been their driving bass lines and raw guitar riffs. And if you still haven't had enough of the '80s sound, they also cover Tix's "Da Da Da." Now is it just me, or shouldn't a cover sound at least a little different than the original?

Buy the album for the first few tracks, which do sound like *Elastica*, and try to ignore the bops and samples over the rest of the album.



## Too good for a name

By Armando Flores  
*Collegian Editor*

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** You will go cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs. Cuckoo, I tell you, cuckoo!

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** A leprechaun will try to steal your lucky charms. Dude, he just wants your cereal, give it to him already.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** A rabbit will hog tie you and kidnap your Tix. No ransom will be set.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Cancer Chocula will bite you this week, causing you to make millions of chocolate bars run for their lives.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** You will eat too much Frankensberry this week, which will cause you to turn pink.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Inventing a new Frost Loop

flavor isn't a good thing for you, especially if the flavor is bran.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** No comment.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will go around singing "Can't get enough of that Cookie Crisp" for no known reason.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Beware of shredded wheat, or you'll be reading this on the porcelain throne.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will snap, crackle and pop, not necessarily in that order.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Avoid snacking people with a box of Snacks. You'll thank me later.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Someone will tell you "Cherish" this week. They're saying hi, not asking for the cereal, much to your dismay.

## A&E Briefs

**Grupo Folklórico Tizatlan** practices from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays in the Gym Annex. All students are welcome; no dance experience is necessary. For more information, contact Zelma Mata at 544-8290 or e-mail her at [zmata@uth.tah.edu](mailto:zmata@uth.tah.edu).

**The Anime Viewing Club** meets from 2 to 4 p.m. each Friday in SET-B 2548. For more information, e-mail the club at [animeclub01@hotmail.com](mailto:animeclub01@hotmail.com).

**"Dos Vestidas,"** an art exhibit by Noe Hinojosa and Jill Pankey, begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Richardson Art Gallery.

**Hinojosa, a McAllen painter, touches on romantic topics.** His emerging technical style can best be described at "East Coast." Pankey is a Corpus Christi-area artist whose current body of work deals with "humorous, slightly twisted social focuses on gaudy women of confidence." The exhibit continues through Oct. 20. Admission is free.

**"A Celebration of Hispanic Music,"** featuring the UTB/TSC music faculty, is scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. For more information, call 544-8247 or send an e-mail to [patron@uth.tah.edu](mailto:patron@uth.tah.edu). Admission is \$3.